

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA  
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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June 3, 2003

**FROM:**       **THOMAS PRENDERGAST, Jr., M.D.,** Public Health Officer  
Department of Public Health – Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency

**SUBJECT:**   **GRANT APPLICATION WITH STATE OF CALIFORNIA EMERGENCY MEDICAL  
SERVICES AUTHORITY – STATE GENERAL FUND ALLOCATION, EMS  
REGIONAL AGENCIES**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Acting as the governing board of the Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency (ICEMA), approve submission of state general fund application in the amount of \$284,018 with the State of California, Emergency Medical Services Authority, for continued maintenance of the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) system in San Bernardino, Inyo and Mono counties for the period July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** Approval of this item will continue State funding for the three-county ICEMA region. ICEMA is the local EMS agency responsible for planning, implementing and evaluating the EMS system for the region consisting of the counties of Inyo, Mono and San Bernardino. The Board of Supervisors of the County of San Bernardino was named the Governing Board of ICEMA in the revised Joint Powers Agreement approved April 25, 1988.

The State Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) is responsible for assessing local or regional EMS areas to determine need for additional EMS services, coordination and effectiveness of the EMS system. The State EMSA has provided funding to regional EMS agencies, including ICEMA, to support and maintain activities since 1976. The funds support management and coordination of EMS activities, manpower and training activities, communication access assessment and monitoring, medical control and compliance activities, emergency transport monitoring, mutual aid agreements between providers and jurisdictions, monitoring of patient transfer and care, trauma planning, base hospital designation, data collection and evaluation, and regional disaster planning. ICEMA also receives additional funding in the form of state grants and other state allocations of approximately \$1.5 million as well as fines and fee revenue of approximately \$475,000.

The principal functions of a local EMS agency are specified in the California Health and Safety Code. These functions include: 1) approving and monitoring Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), paramedic and Mobile Intensive Care Nurse (MICN) training programs; 2) conducting certification, accreditation and recertification of EMTs, paramedics and MICNs; 3) authorizing Advanced Life Support (ALS) programs; 4) establishing policies and procedures for medical control of the EMS system, including dispatch, patient destination, patient care, and quality improvement; 5) establishing ordinances and/or exclusive operating areas for the regulation of ambulance services; 6) developing and implementing a trauma system plan; and 7) developing standards for and authorizing base and ambulance receiving hospitals.

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This grant application is due to the State EMS Authority by June 6, 2003.

**REVIEW BY OTHERS:** This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Charles Larkin, Deputy County Counsel) on May 22, 2003 and the County Administrative Office (Beatriz Valdez, Administrative Analyst) on May 23, 2003.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** Approval of this item imposes no additional cost to the County. The FY 2003-04 proposed budget included anticipated grant revenue of \$284,982 which is \$964 more than the actual award amount. The difference will result in program expenditure reductions as follows: Communications: \$164; Materials and Supplies: \$500; Printing & Reproduction: \$300.

**COST REDUCTION REVIEW:** The County Administrative Office has reviewed this agenda item and recommends approval as it will impose no additional cost to the County.

**SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S):** All

**PRESENTER:** Thomas Prendergast, Jr., M.D., Public Health Officer, (909) 387-6218

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